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ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOTE THAT, DESPITE SIMILARITY OF NAMES, THE SUBJECT ORGANIZATION AND THE YET-TO-BE-NAMED US-ASEAN BUSINESS OR ECONOMIC COUNCIL, UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE US AND THE ASEAN CCI (ASEAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY), ARE SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT IN MEMBERSHIP AND THE KIND OF ROLE THEY MIGHT PLAY IN CEMENTING US-ASEAN BUSINESS RELATIONS. THE NEWLY-FORMED ASEAN-AMERICAN BUSINESS COUNCIL (AABC) IS AN ORGANIZATION OF NEW YORK BASED AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WITH A STRONG TRADE AND INVESTMENT INTEREST IN ASEAN. IT HAS NO

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ASEAN COUNTERPART. THE US CHAMBER-ASEAN CCI COUNCIL, SUGGESTED BY THE US AT THE SEPTEMBER 1977 US-ASEAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS, MAY COME INTO BEING THIS YEAR. IT WOULD HAVE SENIOR LEVEL BUSINESS SECTOR MEMBERSHIP ON BOTH SIDES AND COULD BECOME AN INFLUENTIAL SPOKESMAN FOR STRENGTHENING ECONOMIC TIES BETWEEN THE US AND ASEAN. THE US CHAMBER AND THE AABC HAVE BEEN KEEPING IN TOUCH AND SEE THEIR RESPECTIVE

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